

how to: be rich

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Trust the Provider

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Are you rich? Why or why not?

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Is financial arrogance ever a problem for you? How?

Why is it tempting for rich people to put their hope in wealth?

Is it tempting for you to put your hope in wealth? How so?

Three things in this passage point to a solution of arrogance and hoping in wealth. One is an action we are commanded to take and two are perspectives we should hold to.

What difference does it make that God is the provider of everything? How does that perspective affect our tendency toward being arrogant?

What difference does it make that God intends his provision to be for our enjoyment?

How does these two perspectives affect our tendency toward trusting in wealth?

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